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1. This report is the international preliminary examination report, established by this International Preliminary Examining Authority under Article 35 and transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.

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3. This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, comprising:

a.  (*sent to the applicant and to the International Bureau*) a total of 2 sheets, as follows:

sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis of this report and/or sheets containing rectifications authorized by this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions).

sheets which supersede earlier sheets, but which this Authority considers contain an amendment that goes beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed, as indicated in item 4 of Box No. I and the Supplemental Box.

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<input type="checkbox"/>	Box No. II	Priority
<input type="checkbox"/>	Box No. III	Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
<input type="checkbox"/>	Box No. IV	Lack of unity of invention
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Box No. V	Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
<input type="checkbox"/>	Box No. VI	Certain documents cited
<input type="checkbox"/>	Box No. VII	Certain defects in the international application
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Box No. VIII	Certain observations on the international application

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## Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

- This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language \_\_\_\_\_, which is language of a translation furnished for the purpose of:
- international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b))
  - publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4)
  - international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3)

2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on (*replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report*):

- The international application as originally filed/furnished

- the description:

pages \_\_\_\_\_ 1-8 \_\_\_\_\_, as originally filed/furnished  
 pages\* \_\_\_\_\_ received by this Authority on \_\_\_\_\_  
 pages\* \_\_\_\_\_ received by this Authority on \_\_\_\_\_

- the claims:

pages \_\_\_\_\_, as originally filed/furnished  
 pages\* \_\_\_\_\_, as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19  
 pages\* \_\_\_\_\_ 1-12 \_\_\_\_\_ received by this Authority on 20 October 2004 (20.10.2004)  
 pages\* \_\_\_\_\_ received by this Authority on \_\_\_\_\_

- the drawings:

pages \_\_\_\_\_ 1/1 \_\_\_\_\_, as originally filed/furnished  
 pages\* \_\_\_\_\_ received by this Authority on \_\_\_\_\_  
 pages\* \_\_\_\_\_ received by this Authority on \_\_\_\_\_

- a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) – see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing.

3.  The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- the description, pages \_\_\_\_\_
- the claims, Nos. \_\_\_\_\_
- the drawings, sheets/figs \_\_\_\_\_
- the sequence listing (*specify*): \_\_\_\_\_
- any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*): \_\_\_\_\_

4.  This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).

- the description, pages \_\_\_\_\_
- the claims, Nos. \_\_\_\_\_
- the drawings, sheets/figs \_\_\_\_\_
- the sequence listing (*specify*): \_\_\_\_\_
- any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*): \_\_\_\_\_

\* If item 4 applies, some or all of those sheets may be marked "superseded."

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## V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

## 1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	1-12	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1-12	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-12	YES
	Claims		NO

## 2. Citations and explanations

1. None of the cited documents anticipates all the features of the current independent claims, claims 1 and 8, in so far as said claims can be understood, despite a lack of clarity, with the support of the description. The subject matter of claims 1 and 8 can consequently be considered novel if, consequent upon appropriate amendments (see Box VIII), the application also satisfies the requirements of PCT Article 6.

No objection is raised in respect of industrial applicability.

2. The present application relates to a protective polymer layer for a layer of a luminous material. In order to achieve mechanical resistance and resistance to humidity, said protective polymer layer is in part hardened and in part not hardened. Problems associated with a multi-layer construction can be precluded by the fact that this protective layer constructed as a single layer is made of polymer. None of the available documents suggests a multifunctional protective layer of this type.

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3. Dependent claims 2-7 and 9-12 refer back to independent claims 1 and 8, respectively, and satisfy the requirements relating to such claims.

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**VIII. Certain observations on the international application**

The following observations on the clarity of the claims, description, and drawings or on the question whether the claims are fully supported by the description, are made:

Contrary to the requirements, it is not clear from the independent claims that said claims concern a "protective layer made of a polymer and constructed as a single layer" (see description, page 5, lines 20-22; page 6, lines 23-26). Thus, the present claims 1 and 8 fail to satisfy the requirements of PCT Article 6. Furthermore, clarification is required in order to conclusively distinguish each of the claimed subjects from the multilayer construction of the prior art.